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Subject: Marking of Paraguayan-Brazilian Frontier; Present Status of Work.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Paraguayan Commission for marking the frontier with Brazil has announced the signing with the Brazilian members of the Mixed Commission, of two Acts, Nos. 14 and 15, which certify the completion of the marking of portions of the Paraguayan-Brazilian frontier.

The Brazilian-Paraguayan boundary was established by treaty in 1874 and in 1932 a Mixed Commission was appointed to mark the boundary with stone markers at intervals of 400 meters.

This work was begun at the northern point of the Paraguayan-Brazilian frontier, but I am informed by the Chairman of the Paraguayan Boundary Commission that all the stones have not been set up along the Paraguay River where Brazil lies opposite the Paraguayan Chaco. The work is now complete, however, from Peurto Sastre along the Rio Apa and the Cordillera de Amambay (northeastern frontier) and it is expected that during the present calendar year the marking will reach the Guaira Falls on the River Parana. The same source states that from Guaira Falls to the Argentine frontier, near Iguazu Falls, the Parana River is considered to be a satisfactory boundary, as it is free from islands such as are found in the upper Paraguay.

The Paraguayan Military Geographic Institute has promised to furnish the Embassy with a report which will give more detailed information regarding the Brazilian boundary and the present status of its marking. This report will be transmitted to the Department for its records when received.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Leslie E. Reed,
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

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